GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2655
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
PROJECTS COSTING 100 CRORE
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has adopted two tier system of monitoring of project costing Rs.100 crore or more;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the guidelines issued by the Government to the said monitoring committee;

(d) whether the monitoring committee submitted its report quarterly;

(e) if so, the recommendations made by the said committee has implemented without any hindrances;

(f) if so, the reasons for inordinary delay in construction of railway project coasting Rs.100 crore more;

(g) whether there is any proposal to fix accountability on the executing authorities; and

(h) if not, the steps taken by the Government to complete all projects costing Rs.100 crore or more within the time schedule ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (h): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2655 ASKED BY SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO & ANANDRAO V. ADSUL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16-12-2004 REGARDING PROJECTS COSTING 100 CRORE.

(a) to (c): A well established and effective system of monitoring of projects at various levels exists in the Railways. The progress is being monitored continuously at the field and zonal railway level by appropriate officers. At the Board's level also, progress is being monitored through monthly progress reports and through regular review meetings with Railways. Recently, an empowered Committee has been constituted to review the progress of projects costing more than Rs. 1000 crore on monthly basis and more than Rs.100 crore on quarterly basis. The Empowered Committee will monitor and review the progress of the projects including the delays in contractual matters and other issues related with the projects.

The progress of projects is also being reviewed by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

(d): No, Sir. The Empowered Committee is yet to meet.

(e)& (f): Do not arise.

(g): The project executing authority is accountable for timely execution of the projects except where the delay is beyond one's control.

(h): Execution of projects depends on the availability of funds. It is not feasible to fix time schedule for all the projects as resources are very limited. A number of initiatives have been taken to augment additional resources to expedite completion of ongoing projects.